

September 16, 2013 7:00 P.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

HARGETT'S CROSSROADS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Frank Emory, Chairman
Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner
Joe Wiggins, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer

OFFICIAL ABSENT:

Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Zack Koonce gave the invocation. The Chairman thanked the members of Hargett's Fire Department for opening the fire house for the meeting. A **MOTION** was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of September 3, 2013, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

1. PUBLIC HEARING - NCDOT ROAP APPLICATION

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the board go into public hearing.

There were no public comments.

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the board go out of public hearing.

2. REVALUATION PROGRESS REPORT

Franky Howard presented the Revaluation Progress Report. The Schedule of Values were given to the board and they were reminded of the September 23, 2013, special meeting.

3. TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT - AUGUST

Mr. Howard presented the August Tax Collections Report showing a total collection of \$128,352.27.

4. TAX REFUND - RAY MILLS

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** a tax refund for Ray Mills be approved in the amount of \$12.08 due to an overpayment.

5. TAX REFUND - DEWITT & PAMELA FORRESTER

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** a tax refund for Dewitt & Pamela Forrester be approved in the amount of \$47.56 due to an overpayment.

6. CASWELL CENTER - OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** a donation be made in the amount of \$100 for Operation Santa Claus at Caswell Development Center.

7. AUTOMATIC METER READING PROJECT - PAY REQUEST #1

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and carried **THAT** Pay Request Number 1 for the Automatic Meter Reading Project be approved for payment in the amount of \$896,065.31 using Automatic Meter Reading Funds. Sondra Ipock-Riggs **OPPOSED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Clara Howard asked when the west end of 41 would be paved. Mr. Howard advised that it would be soon because the contracts have been awarded. Clara Howard stated that the west end did not get paved last time and that the paving in Jones County now looks better than Duplin County.

Cecil King asked if there was some way to clean up the filthy water in the county and that the water is dirty 80% of the time. Mr. Howard stated it might be due to the flushing process. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs would like a copy of the report every time it is flushed in that area. Mr. Howard stated he will have Mike Houston, Water Supervisor, contact Mr. King.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Howard reminded the board of the upcoming Heritage Day Festival and also made sure the commissioners had reviewed the County Manager's Report dated September 16, 2013, that was included in their agenda packet.

Mr. Howard presented the August CDBG monthly report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs-

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs asked if we are going to add Wyse Fork to the ballot for fire tax voting. Mr. Howard stated he will check into this and Mrs. Ipock-Riggs stated we should let Wyse Fork know as soon as possible. She also wanted to know when the commissioners would meet with the Department of Transportation in regards to the problem with trees and tiles. Joe Wiggins stated the tiles are too small. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs stated this is the reason Jones County flooded in 1999 and that she would like permission to speak to the governor. Mr. Emory stated that she could speak to whomever she wished to which Mr. Wiggins replied that the information discussed with the

governor should reflect the opinion of the group as a whole. **MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the board meet with the governor.

Zack Koonce -

Mr. Koonce and Mr. Emory thanked everyone at Hargett's for opening the fire house for the meeting.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Frank Emory
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Acting Clerk to the Board